

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 1-27 (canceled)

28. (currently amended) A method for treating a lesion comprising:

inserting an apparatus adjacent the lesion;

advancing an actuator in a first direction to deploy a plurality of tines radially through side openings in the apparatus such that a distal tip of the tines does not extend distally of a distal tip of the apparatus; and

injecting (~~acetic acid~~) a treatment fluid through a lumen in the tines and through a plurality of side openings in the tines to ablate the lesion.

29. (original) The method of claim 28, wherein the plurality of tines are composed of shape memory material and the method further comprises the step of injecting saline through the tines prior to deployment, the tines returning to a shape memory configuration in response to warming by body temperature.

30. (original) The method of claim 29, wherein advancing the actuator advances a tine longitudinally to a substantially straight deployed positioned proximal of the distal tip of the apparatus.

31. (new) The method of claim 28, wherein the apparatus includes a marking ring mounted thereon, and the method further includes the step of sliding the marking ring to align with a desired depth marking prior to the step of inserting the apparatus.

32. (new) The method of claim 28, further comprising the steps of attaching a skin patch to the skin prior to the step of inserting the apparatus and subsequent to the step of injecting the treatment fluid, rotating the apparatus to change the orientation of the tines, the rotating step including aligning orientation indicia on the apparatus with indicia on a skin patch.

33. (new) The method of claim 28, further comprising aligning indicia on the apparatus with indicia on a skin patch to indicate to the user orientation of the tines.

34. (new) The method of claim 28, further comprising the step of deploying the tines to a second position and injecting a treatment fluid through the openings in the tines with the tines in the second position.

35. (new) A method for treating a lesion comprising:

inserting an apparatus adjacent the lesion, the apparatus having a plurality of fluid delivery members positioned therein;

moving an actuator in a first direction to deploy the plurality of fluid delivery members radially through side openings in the apparatus such that a distal tip of the fluid delivery members does not extend distally of a distal tip of the apparatus, the fluid delivery members having a lumen and at least one opening communicating with the lumen;

injecting a treatment fluid through a lumen in the fluid delivery members and through the opening in the fluid delivery members to ablate the lesion; and

moving the actuator to a second position to deploy the fluid delivery members to a second position so tips of the fluid delivery members are positioned further radially from the apparatus in the second position than in the first position.

36. (new) The method of claim 35, wherein in the second position the distal tips of the fluid delivery members do not extend past the distal tip of the apparatus.

37. (new) The method of claim 36, wherein the step of moving the actuator to a second position includes the step of providing a tactile feel to the user that the fluid delivery members are engaged in the second position.

38. (new) The method of claim 37, further comprising providing an indicator on the apparatus to visually indicate whether the fluid delivery members are in the first or second position.

39. (new) A method for treating a lesion comprising:
placing a skin patch on the skin;
inserting an apparatus through the skin patch adjacent the lesion, the apparatus having a plurality of fluid delivery members positioned therein;
aligning the apparatus with indicia on the skin patch to provide an indication of the orientation of the fluid delivery members;
moving an actuator to a first position to deploy the plurality of fluid delivery members radially with respect to the apparatus, the fluid delivery members having a lumen and at least one opening communicating with the lumen; and
injecting a treatment fluid through a lumen in the fluid delivery members and through an opening in the fluid delivery members to ablate the lesion.

40. (new) The method of claim 40, further comprising the step of rotating the apparatus to change the orientation of the fluid delivery members, the step of rotating includes aligning the indicia on the apparatus with other indicia on the skin patch to provide an indication of the orientation of the fluid delivery members.

41. (new) The method of claim 39, wherein the aligning step includes aligning an orientation arrow on the proximal end of the apparatus with the skin patch.

42. (new) The method of claim 39, further comprising the step of moving the actuator to a second position to deploy the fluid delivery members to a second position.

43. (new) The method of claim 42, wherein the step of injecting a treatment fluid includes the step of injecting fluid through a plurality of side openings formed in each of the fluid delivery members.